

Weather: Cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs will be in the low '60s to '70s. Good sleeping weather Monday night as the lows will be in the '50s. Warmer Tuesday with highs in the '70s.

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NU budget

2.5 percent increase approved by regents; no tuition hike foreseen

By Michael Hooper
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The NU Board of Regents Saturday approved a two-year budget request that calls for a 2.5 percent increase in the university budget.

The request would increase the budget from \$526.6 million this year to \$533.9 million for 1987-88. The following year's budget would increase 1.1 percent to \$539.8 million.

The budget request does not include salary increases for university faculty and staff. Their salaries would increase equally with those of other state employees.

The request asks for about \$6 million in additional funds to develop library and information systems, to enhance research in biotechnology and water quality and improve liberal arts education.

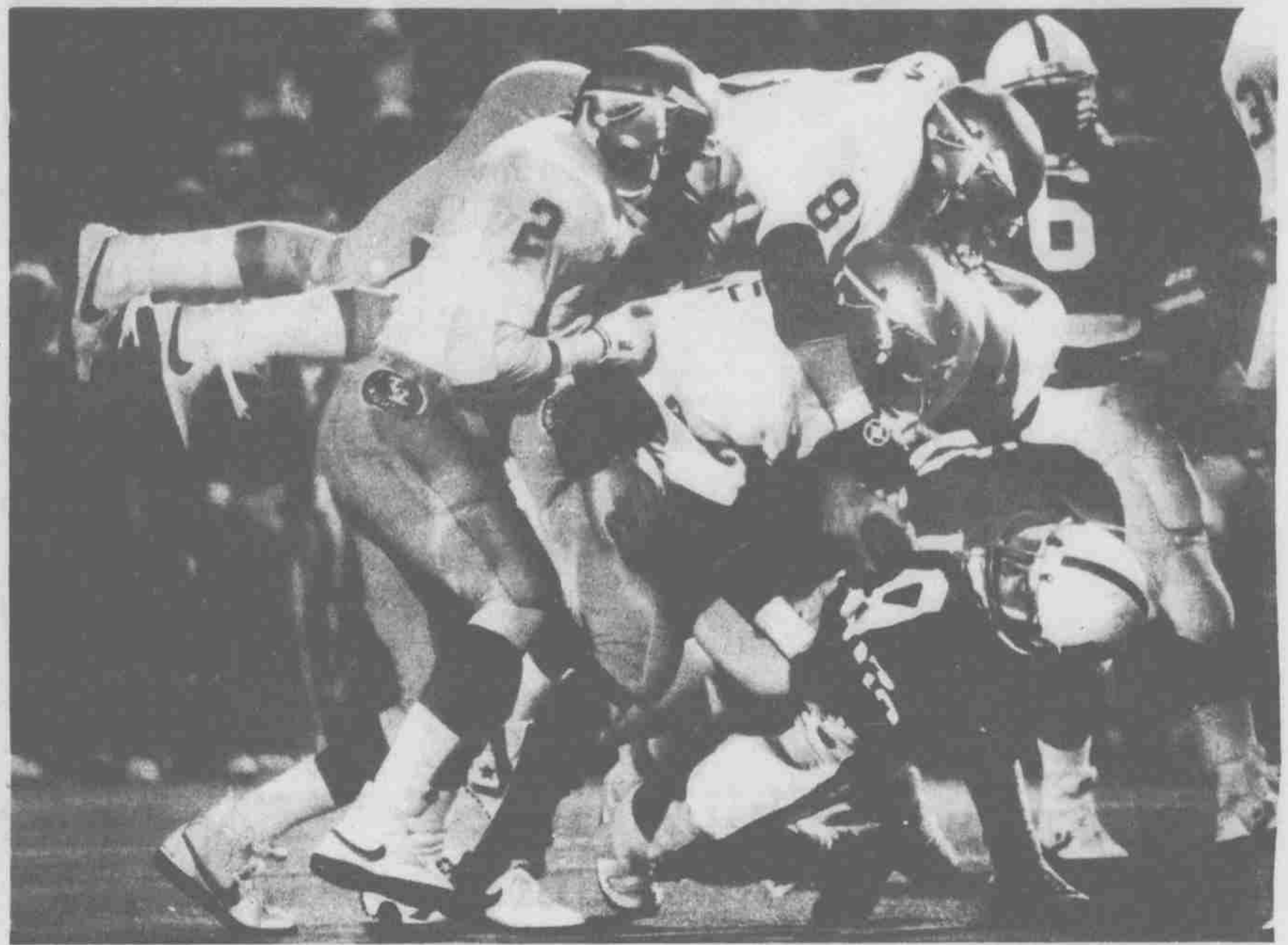
UNL Faculty Senate President Allen Blezek told the regents he felt the budget was "meager, but realistic." Blezek said he would like to see the university receive more money when the economy is good to get it through weaker economic times.

"In good times we would get more, and in bad times we would get less," he said.

Blezek also said that faculty morale was low.

"I wish it was much better," he said. "We're not receiving adequate financing, and the materials budget is low," Blezek said when the meeting broke for five minutes.

The new budget request indicated no tuition increase for the 1987-88 year.



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Nebraska fullback Kevin Kaelin falls under the weight of four Florida State defenders during the Cornhuskers' 37-14 win against the Seminoles Saturday night at Memorial Stadium. It was the first Husker night game ever in Lincoln.

NU to get \$1 million in computers

The NU Board of Regents voted Saturday to accept American Telephone & Telegraph Corporation's \$1 million donation of computing equipment to NU.

UNL is slated to receive \$384,000 worth of the equipment.

AT&T selected NU based on the quality of its proposal for computing equipment under the AT&T University Computer Donation Program, said Doug Van Arkel, AT&T location manager.

The gift also was presented to NU "because of its commitment to the use

of technology in all of your campuses in your research and educational areas," Van Arkel said.

"It is AT&T's way of reaffirming our commitment to education and to giving back to the university what the universities have been so good in giving us — and that's talent," he said.

The donated computing systems will support research in the Department of Electrical Engineering at UNL, develop artificial intelligence-based expert systems and associated data base man-

agement systems in the departments of computer science and mathematics at UNL, and support research in interactive computing systems at NU Medical Center.

UNL will receive one 3B15 computer, two 5620 terminals, 20 Unix personal computers and three printers. The equipment is warranted for one year.

NU was one of 150 universities nationwide selected from about 1,000 applicants to receive donations, Van Arkel said.

Student Center opens

Various programs at center contribute to students' academic success at UNL

By Joeth Zucco
Staff Reporter

The new Student Center, offering programs in academic success, multicultural affairs, advising and counseling, is now open in Administration Building 226.

The offices existed before, but were spread throughout the campus. The idea of merging the offices stalled for two years until office space opened.

"Our goal is to be one unit where students can come that need to have questions answered about academic progress at the university," said Mary Jane Visser, assistant director of admissions and advising. "If they're having difficulty about deciding about a career, we have career counseling, and we can walk down and know they made it."

Academic success is the first of the center's four basic services. Learning specialists and tutors are available to conduct individual or group sessions. Programs on study skills will be offered in fraternities, sororities and residence halls as in years past. Workshops and group sessions will be held in two classroom spaces at the center.

General advising for undeclared students is the second service. Advisers counsel students about class choices so that when they decide on a major all of their credits will apply.

General studies students now make

up the third largest college on campus behind the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business. Since the university has officially recognized it, dean's list, a student advisory board and a scholarship service are available.

Career, personal and consultation services are available. Personal counseling by experienced counselors and group sessions are offered.

Multi-Cultural Affairs is the fourth service. It is composed of two sections. The first is the Student Assistance Program, which offers programs for students from various cultural backgrounds. Tutoring and academic counseling also are offered. The second section is the Student Opportunities and Services (SOS) program, which offers undergraduates assistance in fulfilling their academic potential.

Student Center officials said plans for further expansion exist but money is a major drawback. Expansion would increase the current staff of 18 to include recently retired faculty members who are interested in counseling and students who would help with peer counseling.

The center is open to all students but, according to Director Vernon Williams, freshmen probably will need the services more than upperclassmen.

Most students who have used the services were freshmen, Williams said.

"They don't know as well what upperclassmen do," he said.

NU officials: Drugs not a problem

The use of "hard drugs is a relatively minor problem" at the University of Nebraska, NU President Ronald Roskens reported to the NU Board of Regents Saturday.

"There is . . . a consensus that the use of drugs, and in particular, hard drugs, is a relatively minor problem within the university community," Roskens said.

However, Roskens said that current university drug and alcohol programs

"deal with problems generated by the excessive use of alcohol."

On the various campuses, groups such as Alcoholic Anonymous assist those who have drinking problems, he said. In addition to support groups, there are drug and alcohol awareness groups providing information and education.

At UNL, the Community Health Department of the University Health Center is coordinating on- and off-

campus resources to prevent alcohol and drug abuse on campus. This effort is directed by Margaret Nellis, UNL community health coordinator.

"The university efforts in this area are really quite comprehensive and substantive," Roskens said.

"Of course, we're going to continue to be alert to the issues that are very serious in this domain and look for ways we can improve our programs," Roskens said.

Variety of groups hold conventions at Nebraska Center

By Kirk Zebolsky
Staff Reporter

The UNL department of conferences and institutes rarely deals directly with students, but it's well-known to several UNL organization every year.

UNL organizations are furnished meeting space, meals and a hotel by the department, which plans 200 confer-

ences, workshops and short courses in an average year.

Most meetings are held at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Studies on East Campus. The center features a 96-room hotel, an auditorium, a restaurant and nine meeting rooms.

Future Farmers of America, Cornhusker Girls and Boys State and the Nebraska High School Press Associa-

tion are three of the groups that hold yearly meetings there.

Some of the conferences require little planning, while others require "hours and hours," said assistant coordinator Sherrie Geier. The work of Geier and four others who are on the department's planning staff, includes putting together brochures, planning meals and lining up speakers.